





## A CASH DIVIDEND DECLARED WAGES WILL BE INCREASED

The Year of 1902 Was the Best Ever Enjoyed by the Street Car Company in This City

### PLAN FURTHER OUTLAYS

### New Extensions--Old Track to Be Rebuilt--More New Cars

### MANAGEMENT UNCHANGED

Monday the directors of the Decatur Traction and Electric company held their annual meeting and declared a cash dividend of 1 1-2 per cent, the first cash dividend in the history of the street car business in this city. Ten years ago a dividend of 1 1-2 per cent was declared that was paid in stock. The dividend is a small one but it is taken to indicate that perhaps there may be near a day in the street car business when the balance will remain on the right side of the ledger. The capital stock of the company is \$250,000. The net earnings at the rate of 1 1-2 per cent therefor amounted to \$3750. As compared with the capitalization it is small but it is better than a deficit.

Two Million Passengers. Including cash fares, tickets bought at the four cent rate and transfers, the company during the year just closed carried 2,100,000 passengers. That is 350,000 more than was carried in the year just preceding. The number of transfers used was less than in the year before by 113. That is a rather peculiar feature of the business in view of the large increase in the total number of passengers carried. The largest single day's business was 1900, which means that 18,000 cash fares were carried.

The four through cars running between the railway stations and Oak-land park did more than half of the total business; to be exact, those cars did 52 per cent of all of the business. If the other cars would carry passengers at the same rate that those cars do, the stock in the Decatur Traction and Electric company would be quoted at a high figure.

Higher Wages. Secretary W. L. Shellabarger suggested to the board of directors that the motormen and the conductors on the cars of the Traction company be paid higher wages. The board approved the suggestion but there was no decision as to how much the increase should be.

Small, or apparently small increases in the wages of the men make a big difference in the earnings of the company when the margin is so small. Secretary Shellabarger said last night that an increase of 1 cent per hour in the wages of all of the motormen and conductors would amount to between \$1700 and \$1800 per annum. The last time that there was an increase the men were given one cent more on the hour and that figured out more than \$1500 per annum. It is evident that as the company comes into the enjoyment of an increased business the disposition is to share it with the men. In respect to wages the men have thus far enjoyed the better times as the business of the company has increased. For instance when the company went into bankruptcy the motormen and conductors were receiving only \$1.33 per day. Now the wages have been gradually advanced until they are being paid \$1.80 per day or an increase of 20 per cent. If they get another cent increase it will amount to between \$3 and \$4 per month per man.

The Best Showing. The last year is said to have been the best that the company ever enjoyed. There were present at the meeting

Yesterday, B. W. Campbell of Cincinnati, J. L. Ernst of Covington, Ky., D. S. and W. L. Shellabarger and B. O. McReynolds of Decatur. While the company enjoyed prosperity there was a call for large expenditures in betterments and an outlay of not a little cash because of improvements in the streets ordered by the city. These improvements all told cost the company \$30,000. The track was relaid with 62 pounds steel rails from North street north to the Washburn railroad, and from Condit street north to Division street. Nearly a mile of new track, of 62 pound rails, was laid on West Main street. Two new cars costing \$8000 were also purchased. The resurfacing of Main street necessitated the relaying of the track from Lincoln square north to Cerro Gordo street at an expense of \$1200.

More Outlay. The current year gives promise of even heavier outlays than were made last year. The West Main street paving will be resurfaced and that will cost the company about \$6000. In all probability North Water street will be resurfaced and the company figures on an outlay there of \$3000. If both of these streets are resurfaced that will be the first improvement made by the Traction company for the reason that they are under obligations to the city to get their share of the work in such shape that it will not delay the paving contractors.

New Track. There will be some new extensions made and some of the old track will be rebuilt. In the latter will be included the Division and North Broadway portion of the North Water street extension. There sixty pound standard rails will replace the light ones now in use. The same thing will be done on Cantrell street of the Riverside extension. There is now pending before the city council petitions asking for a right of way on Eldorado street from Main west to Fairlawn park, and on William street from Main street east to Stock street. This improvement contemplates the construction of the loop through East Park Boulevard already mentioned. Of the new lines it is likely that the one to Fairlawn will be the first undertaken but if the resurfacing gets under way early in the season, the work in preparation for that will be disposed of before the new lines are started. Already the improvements authorized for the current year amount to \$22,000.

New Cars. At the meeting yesterday the desirability of getting four more new cars was discussed but a positive decision

was not reached. The cars under consideration are double trucks, 12-bench affairs that will seat sixty passengers. These cars are more expensive than anything the company has ever purchased and will cost \$4000 each.

Not at Present. While business conditions are generally good, the street car business is good. There are two or three extensions in addition to those mentioned, that might be constructed and made to pay at this time, but those already mentioned will require all of the cash that can be spared for that purpose. The new lines will be more than two and a half miles in length and there will be a mile or more of old track relaid with new sixty pound rails. These rails are just two pounds lighter to the yard than the six-inch high rails the company has recently adopted as the standard on the main line, but the difference in the shape gives them every advantage for traffic here that is possessed by the heavier rails. The policy of the company is declared to be to maintain the high standard that has been established since the company was reorganized.

No Changes. The old directors and old officers were re-elected. There will be no change in the management. The officers are B. W. Campbell, president; D. S. Shellabarger, vice president; W. L. Shellabarger secretary and treasurer. Andrew Ambuhl will continue as superintendent.

### TEST THE MAGNETIC HEALER

Many Persons at the Opera House to Seek Relief at His Hands.

### THEY SAID HE HELPED THEM.

At the opera house last night there was a big crowd to witness the performance of "The Boy Phenom." He is advertised as a magnetic healer and cures by the "laying on of hands." There was no admission fee and in addition to the many who came to be healed there were hundreds who wanted to see if there was not some fun in the show.

There were perhaps a dozen persons on the stage seeking relief from various ailments and all of them declared, after the magnetic healer had given them treatment, that they felt greatly relieved.

Jesse Fisher was assisted up the steps to the stage and to a chair. His motions indicated that he was suffer-

ing with rheumatism or some kindred complaint. When he had received treatment his walk was spry and he descended the steps without the aid of his cane and he declared that he felt much better.

John M. Ray who lives on South Broadway, could get up the steps only with assistance. He said that for years he had suffered from lumbago and kidney trouble. The healer rubbed his back, arms and legs, kneaded the tissue and when the operation was completed Ray walked briskly across the floor and without assistance descended from the stage. He too declared that he felt greatly relieved.

O. N. Bramble had suffered from deafness. In his case the treatment was about the head almost exclusively, not a little attention being given to rubbing the ears. When the treatment was concluded he could hear a whisper from the operator and could hear his watch ticking.

Mrs. Robert Parrish was troubled with ringing noises in her ears and her sense of hearing had been greatly impaired. After a few moments attention at the hands of the healer she could hear a whisper.

John Wilson, for many years an employee of the Traction company, and who suffered one time a stroke of partial paralysis, was on the stage to see if there was anything in it. His sight had been in part afflicted and he too declared that the treatment helped him. In fact every one who went forward said practically the same thing.

Among the others who sought relief at the hands of the healer were George Kline of East Waggoner street, suffering with chronic rheumatism.

Belle Dieckhoff of East Prairie street, for years had suffered from the effects of a paralytic stroke which had also impaired her eyesight.

Albert Lynn, of East William street, was treated for deafness of fifteen years' standing.

Mrs. Caldwell of North Water street, an aged woman, was treated for nervous rheumatism of many years' standing.

The name of the "Boy Phenom" is not given. He is said to be 24 years old and a native of New Hampshire.

Prof. Salisbury is the lecturer who made the announcements and Dr. Starkweather is the physician with the party.

The affair last night was an advertisement to demonstrate what the healer can do. The lecturer called attention to the fact that on the stage there was no attempt to do anything more than treat the patients

without removing any of their clothing, but that when patients were received in private there was different and more effective treatment. The party is staying at the St. Nicholas hotel.

### HIT BY STREET CAR.

Miss Maggie Newsham Receives Serious Shaking Up.

Miss Maggie Newsham of 1027 West Wood street, walked into a street car on the West Main street line Sunday about noon. She was rolled in the snow but beyond the shock and the shaking up she was not injured. The accident happened about opposite the intersection of Main and Union streets and Miss Newsham, who was on her way home from church was walking in the street along the right of way. She was walking toward the car which was not moving rapidly. The motorman saw her and rang his bell and supposed that she would step aside as she evidently saw the car. Miss Newsham supposed that she was far enough to the side to miss the car and so they came together. The lady was carried into the residence of Benton Blackstone and physicians were called to attend her but it was found that she was not much hurt. She was sent home in a carriage.

### ATTORNEY HUTCHISON RETURNS

Comes Back to Decatur after an Absence of Almost a Year.

The familiar face and figure of Attorney David Hutchison was seen in the court room again Monday morning and he was given a warm welcome home by his brother baristers. Mr. Hutchison has been absent from the city for nearly a year. He went first to Massachusetts where he visited for a time with relatives and then went abroad. He recently completed his European trip and came home on the St.

**Calumet Baking Powder**  
The Standard of Perfect Baking.

Paul and directly to Decatur as soon as he landed.

A trip abroad has long been contemplated by him and he has enjoyed himself to the utmost. The greater part of the time was spent in London and Paris. From these cities he made side excursions but devoted himself largely to a study of the big towns and their numerous art and historical treasures.

### Joint Installation.

Dunham Post 141 and Dunham Relief Corps No. 4 will hold a joint installation of officers this evening at their lodge room.

Miss Belle Seiwel of Danville is visiting Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Burnstead.

## Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale 1 3-4 miles southeast of Boody, 4 1-2 miles northwest of Macon and 5 miles from Decatur, on

TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 1903

the following property:  
62 Head of Cattle  
4 yearling steers, 7 milk cows (2 fresh with calf by side), 8 three-year-old heifers, 4 coming yearling steers, 7 coming yearling heifers, 8 weanling calves, 1 coming yearling bull, 2 coming two-year-old heifers, 1 coming two-year-old full blooded Short Horn bull registered.  
17 Head of Fat Steers that we will sell for cash.

MORSES

One bay gelding 6 years old, one brown gelding 6 years old, one black gelding 10 years old, one bay gelding 12 years old, one black mare 6 years old, one black mare 8 years old, one bay gelding 7 years old, a good saddling and driver, one good single driving gelding 6 years old any woman can drive, one suckling colt, one span of good mules coming 8 years old, well broke, weight 2300, one burro any child can handle.

HOGS  
Nine head of brood sows all heavy with pig; one full blooded Poland China boar, registered, one full blooded Poland China sow, registered; four full blooded gilts, five head of good grade Poland China boars big enough for service, 68 head of good shoats.

FARM IMPLEMENTS  
3 Tower riding cultivators good as new, one 14-inch gang plow, 1 Cassidy sulky plow, two 16-inch walking plows, one 12-inch walking plow, 2 snovel cultivators, 1 oats seeder, 1 spader, 1 stalk rake, 1 roller, 1 binder, 1 mower, 2 farm wagons, 1 hay frame, 1 harrow, 1 sled, 1 corn crusher, 1 corn planter, 3 sets of harness and half sets; 8 tons of timothy hay in barn, 1 good rick of straw and other articles.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock. Lunch served on the ground.  
Terms of Sale--A credit of twelve months will be allowed on all sums of \$10 and over, notes with approved security required. Under \$10 cash.  
KLEIN & KRAFT,  
M. T. Smith Auctioneer.

Bradley Bros.  
Decatur, Ill.

# GREAT JANUARY

Bradley Bros.  
Decatur, Ill.

## REDUCTION SALE

## IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Hundreds of Seasonable articles in merchandise are being sold every day way down under value in order to reduce stock previous to invoicing February 1st. EXAMINE THESE PRICES

### Women's Winter Coats

Many at half price, all at great saving. Cost has little to do with price now, profits are squeezed out next to nothing, it's simply a question of making way for new goods.

Storm Coats, 48 inches long, lined all through, high collar, Oxford, navy, black and castor, at \$7.50, reduced from \$12.50, \$13.50 and \$15.

Storm Coats, 48 inches long, very stylish, cut high fur collar of beaver and astrachan, at \$12.50, reduced from \$20, \$22.50 and \$25.

Short Coats at \$5 each, reduced from \$8.50 and \$10.

Monte Carlo Coats at \$7.50, reduced from \$12.50 and \$15.

Girls' Monte Carlo Coats, \$5, reduced from \$7.50 and \$8.50; colors, castor, navy, red and tan, sizes 10, 12 and 14 years.

Girls' Long Reefers at \$3.50, reduced from \$5.

Girls' Skirts at \$2.95, made of Oxford grey and blue cloths with slot seams, very stylish.

Girls' Skirts, made of very best quality of all wool Kersey cloth; castor, navy and dark red; a regular \$10 article, to close out for \$5.

75 Suits for women at \$8.75 and \$13.75, reduced from \$16.50, \$20 and \$25.

Every suit in the store will be placed on sale at reduced prices. Many are late all and winter styles that we are re-ordering special almost every day. A few sample spring suits--nothing reserved. We invoice our stock the last of this month and will then want every inch of space for our spring line of tailor-made dresses.

### Hosiery

5 cents--Children's black ribbed hose, assorted sizes, broken lots, worth up to 25 cents; reduced to 5 cents per pair.

7 1/2 cents for ladies' black cotton hose, double soles, high spliced heels and double toes; reduced from 10 cents.

12 1/2 cents for ladies' extra heavy fleece-lined hose, warranted fast black, reduced from 19 cents.

10 cents for children's black hose, 2 and 1 rib, heavy cotton, double soles, treble knee, reduced from 15 cents.

19 cents for ladies' imported fancy hosiery, dots, stripes and figures, worth up to 35 cents, reduced to 19 cents.

12 1/2 cents for ladies' black cotton hose, French foot, double sole, high spliced heels and double toes, seconds of 25 cent hose; for this sale 12 1/2 cents per pair.

39 cents for ladies' fancy French hosiery, black foot, colored tops or black both, embroidered fronts, reduced from 50 cents.

### Underwear

10 cents for children's derby ribbed fleece lined Underwear--grey shirts, pants or drawers--regular price 15 to 35c, reduced to 10 and 19 cents.

25c for children's flat wool skirts, pants and drawers. All our stock on hand that sold from 35 cents to \$1, will be offered in this lot at 25 and 39 cents each.

25 cents for ladies' 50c Oneita Union Suits, fleece lined, best 50c suits, while they last, 25c.

65 cents for ladies' lamb's wool vests and pants, all sizes; pants have French bands; reduced from 89 cents.

95 cents for ladies' Oneita wool union suits, silk taped; reduced from \$1.25.

75 cents for ladies' Ypsilanti Scout cotton union suits, never sold for less than \$1.50 (no large) sizes.

\$2.48 for ladies' Ypsilanti all wool union suits, natural gray, mostly small sizes. The lowest they have been priced before was \$3.75; while this lot lasts, \$2.48.

85 cents for ladies' black Equestrian tights, made of Australian wool, fast black, reduced from \$1.25.

45 cents for ladies' black ribbed vests and pants, all sizes; pants have French band.

The prices to close out all the underwear in the men's department are:

\$1.50 natural wool shirt and drawers, \$1.19.

\$1 and \$1.25 natural wool and camel hair shirt and drawers at 85 cents.

75 cent natural wool shirts and drawers, 59 cents.

50 cent fleece-lined shirts and drawers at 35 cents.

50 cent camel hair mixed, 25 cents.

50 cent derby ribbs at 35 cents.

15 cent cotton socks, 6 pairs for 65 cents.

15 cent Rockford heavy cotton socks at 8 1/2 cents.

Men's 50 and 75 cent unlaundered white shirts, all sizes, at 35 cents.

### Winter Gloves Reduced

Women's all wool golf gloves, 20 cents; reduced from 25 and 35 cents.

Women's heavy Scotch glove, 25 cents, reduced from 40 cents.

Women's finest Scotch wool gloves, 38 cents, reduced from 50 and 60 cents.

Child's colored golf gloves, 20 cents, reduced from 35 cents.

Child's kid lined mittens, 20 cents, reduced from 35 cents.

Child's kid lined gloves, 25 cents, reduced from 50 cents.

Men's best grade golf gloves, 38 cents, reduced from 50 cents.

Men's lined Mocha gloves, 75 cents, reduced from \$1.

BRADLEY BROS., CORNER WATER AND WILLIAM, DECATUR, ILL.